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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive met on June 8 in St. John's. This issue of Executive Notes is designed to provide you with a summary of major decisions and discussions that took place at this meeting.

For further information on any of these issues or information contained here please contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

Collective Bargaining
The Negotiating Team met on May 16-17, May 23-25, and June 5-7. The employer has presented three new positions to the NLTA concerning articles on which the employer had reserved the right to open when the proposals were first exchanged in January. These include Article 28 -- Length of School Year, Schedule C -- Allowances, and Article 20 -- Educational Leave. A written response on each of these proposals has been forwarded to the employer as well as responses on a number of other articles and clauses.

Further talks are scheduled for June 19-20 and an update by way of "Bargaining Briefs" will be provided following those sessions.

For further information contact Fred Andrews, or Edward Hancock, Assistant Executive Director.

Association Priorities
Provincial Executive was updated on the priorities of the Association for the 2000-01 school year. The four priorities are: concluding a collective agreement; quality of work life; classroom issues -- workload; membership involvement/identification with NLTA; communications: internal/external relations -- building partnerships.

For further information contact any member of Provincial Executive or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

Business from Standing Committees
PITCOM
The proposed guidelines for Special Interest Committees were accepted and incorporated into NLTA policy.

A statement will be included in the guidelines for Centennial Project Awards and for the Educational Research Program to indicate that

thesis writing or other work for which university credit is being earned will not qualify under these programs.

For more information contact Elizabeth Murphy, Chair, PITCOM, or Beverley Park, René Wicks, Professional Development Division.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
Changes to the wording of the Pre-Retirement Seminar policy were accepted to clarify the policy on reimbursement to members attending the seminars.

For more information contact Kevin Foley, Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee, or Lloyd Hobbs, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

TABLE OFFICERS
Notice will be served to the employer prior to August 31, 2001 to open negotiations re the Labrador West Collective Agreement.

For more information contact Perry Downey, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Other Business
The issue of individual members being granted extended leaves of absence to occupy management positions will be examined by the Benefits and Economic Services Division/Standing Committee and a report/recommendation will be returned to the Provincial Executive for consideration on or before the Executive meeting in November 2001.

For more information contact Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

The dates for Provincial Executive meetings in 2001-02 are as follows: August 21 & 22; October 12 & 13; November 22 (followed by Joint Council on November 23 & 24; January 11 & 12; February 21 (followed by Joint Council on February 22 & 23); April 19 & 20; June 7 & 8.

For further information contact Fred Andrews, President or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

Appointments to the Group Insurance Trustees for the year 2001-02 are as follows: Sean Noah (Chairperson), Bill Day, Marilyn Cardwell, Cynthia Fizzard, Paul Matthews, Anita Noseworthy, and Art Winsor.

For more information contact Winston Carter, President-Elect.

The issue of mandatory retirement for teachers will be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Pensions Administration Committee.

For more information contact Edward Hancock, Assistant Executive Director.

Canadian Teachers' Federation
The Board of Directors of the Canadian TeachersÕ Federation met in Ottawa in April. Issues from each province were discussed and cross-country updates were provided.

For more information contact Fred Andrews, President or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

Teacher Certification
The next meeting of the Teacher Certification committee is scheduled for June 22. The certification review will continue at that time.

For more information contact Winston Carter, President-Elect or Beverley Park, Professional Development Division.

Discussion Topics
The following topics were discussed by Provincial Executive for follow-up or future discussion: Janeway Telethon; Criterion Reference Tests (CRTs); High School Athletic Federation; ISSPs; Committee Structures/Locations.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President-Elect or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **August 21 and 22**, 2001. For further information contact Winston Carter, President-Elect or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.